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SUBJ: CSCE: COORDINATING COMMITTEE GIVES TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO
STAGE III DATE

REF: A) GENEVA 5449; B) GENEVA 5479

1. AFTER AGREEMENT BY ALL DELEGATIONS TO MALTESE CHANGES IN
MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION (REF A), SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REF
B) UNFOLDED AS SCHEDULED LEADING TO COORDINATING
COMMITTEE (CC) APPROVAL OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR TENTATIVE
AGREEMENT ON JULY 30 AS STAGE III DATE.

2. ONE AMENDMENT WAS MADE TO ORIGINAL CANADIAN TEXT TO TAKE
CARE OF ROMANIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH MAKING SPECIFIC FINANCIAL
COMMITTMENT. NEW FINAL CLAUSE TO PARA 3 OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL
IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE...ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL THE
PARTICIPATING STATES ACCEPT FULLY THEIR JOINT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL. UNQUOTE. BEFORE ACCEPTANCE OF
AMENDMENT FRENCH AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT HE SPOKE IN NAME OF ALL
DELEGATIONS IN STATING HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS LANGUAGE
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COVERED ALL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT

OF FINLAND MIGHT INCUR IN ARRANGING STATE III.

3. ONLY OTHER HAPPENING OF NOTE WAS EXCHANGE BETWEEN FRENCH AND MALTESE REPS AFTER FORMAL APPROVAL OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL. FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID HE COULD "NOT PASS OVER IN SILENCE THE CIRCUMSTANC WHICH AFFECTED OUR WORK LAST WEEK." HE ACCUSED MALTA NOT ONLY OF SHOWING TOTAL LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR INTERESTS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, BUT ALSO OF GRAVELY MISUSING AND THUS DAMAGING PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS, WHICH SO IMPORTANT TO CSCE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH MALTESE LANGUAGE ADOPTED WOULD AFFECT THE VIEW OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON TH TEXT IN THE FUTURE. AFTER A SIMILAR, BUT MUCH Milder STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, MALTESE REP REPLIED BY NOTING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISHES FOR REFERENCE TO REDUCTION OF FORCES IN MEDITERRANEAN TEXT HAD BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. HE RECALLED THAT EVERY DELEGATION HAD A RIGHT AND INDEED A DUTY TO DEFEND ITW OWN INTERESTS. HE REJECTED "ACCUSATIONS" OF WRONG DOING ON THE PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT OR DELEGATION.

4. NEXT DEADLINE AT CSCE IS JULY 15, WHEN ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT APPROVED AT CC "GENERAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AND WORK COMPLETED". IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS GOAL WILL NOT BE MET AND THE DEADLINE WILL BE EXTENDED, PROBABLY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. MAIN OUTSTANDING PROBLEM REMAINS TURKISH DESIRES ON CBM'S BUT WORK ALSO MUST BE COMPLETED ON PRINCIPLES, MFN/ RECIPROCITY, AND FINAL ACT. ABRAMS

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